for nomination of the Vice-Chairperson of the NDMC from amongst the members specified in clauses (b) and (d) of sub-section (1). The Vice-Chairperson has been nominated from among the members specified in clause (b) of sub-section (1) aforesaid. This being so and since all members of the Council are at par, the need for application of any yardstick about extent of representation does not arise.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (b) above.

Findings of NHRC on Uttarakhand Agitation

2456. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present status of the investigation by the Investigating Wing the NHRC of the violation of human rights by the Uttar Pradesh Police during the Uttarakhand agitation;

(b) what is the status of cases where person have disappeared in connection with the above agitation and whether NHRC has come to any conclusions; and

(c) what is the status of the cases relating to the rape by police in the Rampur-Tiraha in Muzaffarnagar District on 2nd October, 1994 and whether NHRC have fixed responsibility and recommended any action in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) to (c) The investigation Team of the National Human Rights Commission visited Uttarakhand from 10 to 15 October, 1994 and received 148 complaints from various quarters including three complaints of police atrocities and molestation in Muzaffarnagar district. The Investigation Team did not visit Rampur-Tiraha in Muzaffarnagar district and did not enquire into the cases pertaining to this district because in the meantime, a Writ Petititon with regard to Uttarakhand agitation was filed in the Allahabad High Court which directed the CBI to investigate into the complaints of violation of human rights by the Uttar Pradesh Police. Since the matter had become sub-jusdice in the High Court of Allahabad, the Commission did not pursue the investigation by its team.

Casual labourers in Tripura Project of ONGC

2457. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether casual labourers working in Tripura project of ONGC are not being regularised as permanent;

(b) whether regularisation move can subdue the tribal insurgency infusing local element in the operations of ONGC;

(c) whether the Ministry propose to intervene in the matter; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM OF NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) No casual labourers are being engaged by ONGC Ltd., in Tripura Project at present. However, the case of 39 contingent workmen for regularisation is before the concerned Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central) for conciliation.

Norms regarding the delivery of letters

2458. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any norms for on time delivery in the Post Office in relation to delivery of (1) local letters (2) letters to and from neighbouring districts (3) letters to be delivered in the same

Postal circle (4) letters to be delivered in the neighbouring circles (5) letters posted in any place to be delivered anywhere in India;

(b) if so, the details of norms thereof; and

(c) whether a letter posted in Bomaby, Delhi, Calcutta, Madras must be delivered in four days anywhere in India on leaving the day of posting of a letter;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Norms to assess the efficiency of mail services with a view to take remedial measures have been laid down which are as follows:

(i) PIN-coded letters posted in Metro cities namely Delhi, Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Hyderabad, and Bangalore and meant for delivery in another Metro city are to be delivered within 48 hours after the day of posting.

(ii) PIN-Coded letters between Delhi and State Capitals other than the Metro cities mentioned at (i) above are to be delivered within 48 hours to 72 hours after the pay of posting.

(iii) Letters between cities connected by air flights, other than those mentioned at (i) and (ii) above are to be delivered within 72 hours after the day of posting.

(iv) letters within a State are to be delivered within 48-72 hours after the day of posting.

(v) Letters within a District are to be delivered within 48 hours after the day of posting.

(vi) Letters between the adjacent districts of neighbouring Circles are to be delivered within 48 hours after the day of posting.

These broad norms are adhered to only when mail carrying trains, planes, buses and other transport run to their published schedule.

(c) Yes, Sir, provided the place is well connected by Air, Rail or Road.

राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के रख-रखाव पर खर्च की गई धनराशि

2459. **श्री रामदेव भंडारी:** क्या जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1994 के दौरान तथा 1995 में अब तक राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के रख-रखाव पर केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा व्यय की गई राशि का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) प्राकृतिक आपदाओं और वाहनों के भारी आवागमन के कारण राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों एवं पुलों को प्रतिवर्ष औसतन कितना नुकसान होता है तथा इसकी मरम्मत पर व्यय होने वाली अनुमानित राशि कितनी है; और

(ग) विगत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस प्रकार के व्यय को पूरा करने के लिए बिहार राज्य को कितनी राशि मुहैया की गई है?

जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० राजशेखर मूर्ति): (क) राष्ट्रीय-राजमार्गों के विकास हेतु निधियां वित्त-वर्ष वार जारी की जाती है न कि कलैन्डर वर्ष-वार। 1994-95 और 1995-96 (आज तक) के दौरान जारी की गई निधियों के ब्यौरे विवरण में दिए गए हैं (नीचे देखिए)।

(ख) प्राकृतिक आपदाओं और वाहनों के अत्यधिक आवागमन से राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों तथा पुलों को प्रतिवर्ष होने वाले औसतन नुकसान के बारे में बता पाना संभव नहीं है। 1994-95 में राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के रख-रखाव और मरम्मत के लिए 246.90 करोड़ रु० जारी किए गए।

(ग) राष्ट्रीय राजमार्गों के रख-रखाव और उनकी मरम्मत के लिए वर्ष 1992-93, 1993-94 और 1994-95 के दौरान बिहार राज्य को 3821.64 लाख रु० की राशि जारी की गई।